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Letter dated 6 December 1993 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Ethiopia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit herewith the press statement issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Transitional Government of Ethiopia (see annex) referring to its previous statement, which was issued at the conclusion of the Fourth Humanitarian Conference on Somalia, convened at Addis Ababa from 29 November to 1 December 1993 (see A/48/709).

I should be grateful if you would have the text of the present letter and its annex circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under agenda items 100 and 137.

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Chargé d'affaires a.i.

ANNEX

Press statement issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Transitional Government of Ethiopia at Addis Ababa on 4 December 1993

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs wishes to refer to the press statement that it issued on 2 December 1993 expressing its displeasure with some aspects of the declaration of the Fourth Humanitarian Conference on Somalia.

The Ministry is pleased to announce that the Transitional Government of Ethiopia has now received clarification with regard to the concerns it has raised. The clarification received makes it abundantly clear that the relief and rehabilitation programme will be implemented in a manner that fully addresses all the concerns raised by Ethiopia.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs therefore wishes to make it known that, in view of the clarifications and assurances it has received, the Transitional Government is prepared to contribute in any way it can to the success of the programme as further clarified and elaborated.